

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 of the present application are pending. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended by the present Amendment.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kennedy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,163,594) in view of Grau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,818,906). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants do not believe that the “SPID” of Kennedy is a “location code” as required by Claim 1. Notwithstanding this, even if we assume that a SPID as disclosed by Kennedy functions as a location code as required by the pending claims, Kennedy does not (as acknowledged by the Examiner) disclose receiving the location code in a subscriber unit nor does it disclose storing the code in a central repository. It is respectfully submitted that Grau also does not teach or disclose either of these limitations. Grau is directed to a method and apparatus for supplying information regarding traffic load supported by the communications system and for managing the communications system. (See Grau, col. 2, lines 47-50.) There is no disclosure of any code being received by a subscriber or stored in a central repository. Nor would there be any reason for a subscriber unit according to Grau to receive a location code. Even if such a feature is disclosed in Grau, it is respectfully submitted that there is no suggestion or motivation to combine Grau and Kennedy to require that the SPID in Kennedy be received by a subscriber unit.

Since neither Grau nor Kennedy, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest each and every element found in claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable over the prior art. Similarly, because claims 2 - 4 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, claims 2 - 4 are allowable for the same reasons.

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance. Early notification to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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